

March 31, 2003

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Dear Ms. O'Connor:

I am enclosing revised pages for our February 24, 2003 amendment request (#0185.90.R2.06) for Oregon's 1915(c) Waiver for aged and disabled individuals. As a result of the recent restoration of funding by our State Legislature, Oregon will:

- ❑ keep provider rates at their current levels (no reductions);
- ❑ retain service priority levels 10 and 11; and
- ❑ remove only service priority levels 12 through 14 (955 individuals by current calculation).

This amendment reflects the comprehensive net effects of other currently pending amendment requests. The summary net effects are as follows:

- Effective November 1, 2002, Oregon now utilizes Community Transition Services (CTS) for an average of 10 individuals per month who meet service priority rules and need CTS services to move from institutional settings to the aged and disabled waiver in the community;
- Effective February 1, 2003, Oregon has removed approximately 3,130 individuals in service priority levels 15-17 from the waiver; and
- Effective April 1, 2003, Oregon will remove approximately 955 individuals in service priority levels 12-14 from the waiver (not levels 10-14 as previously projected). Additionally, by March 31, 2003, Oregon will also have authorized a one-time package of

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Community Resource Development Services for those in the 12-14 group who can benefit from such services.

In discussion with CMS staff, we agreed to look into whether a separate category is desirable for respite rather than being a part of in-home services and also how we might split out the cost and utilization of live-in caregivers. We will consider what, if any, changes are desirable and discuss the issues with CMS staff in the next few weeks.

In our March 21 correspondence to you, we included enclosures and administrative rules related to this amendment. Please attach those enclosures and rules to this letter. In addition, per request of CMS staff, we are including a signed page from the original waiver approval, dated October 1, 2001. We are withdrawing amended page C-7 (page C-7, originally submitted with our March 21 correspondence (#0185.90.R2.05) needs the same effective date as that of the State plan change removing the Medically Needy group; we will resubmit that page by separate cover letter).

We look forward to approval of this amendment request soon in order to facilitate service planning. Please contact DeAnna Hartwig at (503) 947-1180 if you have questions about this amendment request.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures

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